GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:43
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2017
Jan Aushadhi Kendras at Railway Stations
Tiwari Shri Manoj Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme to set up Jan Aushadhi Kendras at all the railway stations across the country is being launched by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is launching the scheme as a pilot project and if so, the railway stations of the country at which the Jan Aushadhi Kendras are likely to be set up; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government regarding allotment of space, safety and quality control of drugs to be sold at Jan Aushadhi Kendras at railway stations?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 43 BY SHRI MANOJ TIWARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2017 REGARDING JAN AUSHADHI KENDRAS AT RAILWAY STATIONS

(a) to (d): 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana' is a campaign launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemical & Fertilizers, Government of India, to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the masses through special kendras known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra. Ministry of Chemical & Fertilizers has, in view of Railways' pan-India reach, approached Ministry of Railways for proliferation of such kendras over Railway network. The two Ministries have, in principle, agreed to set up such kendras at Railway premises. Deliberations to work out the modalities between the two Ministries are going on. Further, to augment the emergency medical facilities at railway stations, policy guidelines for setting up of chemist stalls/corners are already in vogue vide Commercial Circular number 50/2000 dated 03.11.2000 and Commercial Circular number 67/2008 dated 02.12.2008 wherein Zonal Railways have been advised to provide Chemist Stalls/corners at all important Railway Stations, wherever justified. At present, 22 exclusive chemist stalls and 15 chemist corners are operational on Indian Railways. Besides, medicines for common ailments and painkillers, which do not normally require doctor's prescription, are also being sold through existing 339 miscellaneous article stalls at various Railway Stations.

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